

Youth Mental Health Program Oversight Committee

The second Oversight Committee meeting, chaired by Dr John Wakefield, Deputy Director-General, Clinical Excellence Division, Department of Health, was held on 9 February 2018. Membership has been expanded to include additional representation from regional and rural Queensland Health Hospital and Health Services and to reflect the newly formed Departments of Child Safety, Youth and Women (DCSYW) and Communities, Disability Services and Seniors (DCDSS).

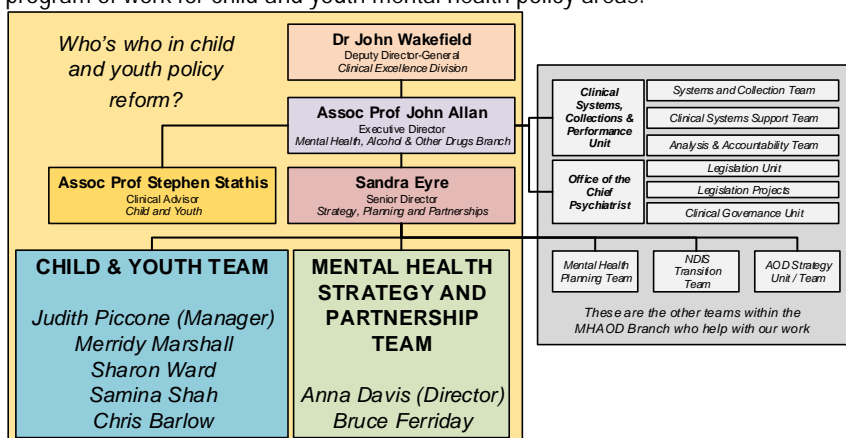
Members were provided with an update on the progress of the Youth Mental Health capital and reform work programs:

Capital Program

- All governance arrangements for the capital program have been established.
- Design and specifications are being finalised in preparation for a tender process for the new state-wide Adolescent Extended Treatment Facility (AETF) at The Prince Charles Hospital (TPCH), Step Up Step Down (SUSD) Units in north and south Brisbane and refurbishment for Day Program spaces in Logan and the Gold Coast.
- Infrastructure co-design workshops for the AETF are taking place to inform design outcomes with consumers, carer, clinical and education stakeholders.
- On site construction work on the expansion of an existing carpark at TPCH site, which allows relocation of staff parking spaces from the site of the new facility is progressing within scheduled timeframes.
- Children's Health Queensland Hospital and Health Service is establishing an AETF Working Group to progress operational planning for the AETF which is on track to be operational by early 2020 as originally announced.

Reform Program

- Early planning has commenced to scope up the project to develop the AETF program evaluation framework.
- Work on progressing key findings from the review of alignment and transition arrangements between adolescent and adult mental health services is commencing with a review the existing Queensland Health Transition Guidelines.
- The newly established Child and Youth Mental Health Team in the Mental Health Alcohol and Other Drugs Branch is consolidating a program of work for child and youth mental health policy areas.



The Department of Education (DoE) provided an update. The DoE:

- currently provides 12 hospital based education programs across Queensland.
- is investigating best-practice models for education and vocational training programs for adolescents with severe and complex mental health conditions, including ongoing consultation, research and site visits.
- working collaboratively with Department of Health to develop and implement a statewide continuum of educational delivery to support students with severe and complex mental health conditions at all stages of their illness, including programs for inpatient and day program facilities.

The Committee noted that Queensland Health and Health Consumers Queensland, in partnership with consumers and carers, delivered a conference workshop titled: Sharing Wisdom: Integrated care - A work in progress (Sharing Wisdom) at the 1st Asia Pacific Conference on Integrated Care held in Brisbane on 6 November 2017. This workshop is based on the critical and extensive engagement processes undertaken as part of the successful delivery of the Government response to the Barrett Adolescent Centre (BAC) Commission of Inquiry (COI) Report. The Sharing Wisdom workshop was also presented as an invited pre-conference workshop at the Global Conference on Integrated Care on 1 February 2018 in Singapore.

The next Committee meeting will be held in May 2018. For further information see <http://health.qld.gov.au/improvement/youthmentalhealth>